

land leased from the Federal Government. A relatively new service is extended to park visitors by professional park naturalists who conduct a natural history interpretation program. Each park is in charge of a superintendent and park wardens are on duty to protect the recreational areas, the wildlife and the forests from fire and other destructive forces, and to look after the safety of visitors.

While the National Parks preserve natural features of national importance, National Historic Parks and Sites preserve and identify the places important in the history of Canada. A site is declared of national historical significance by the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources on the recommendation of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, an advisory board of historians representing all provinces. The National Historic Parks are military or fur-trading forts that have been preserved, historic buildings or reconstruction of historic buildings; most have museums associated with them. There are 594 historic monuments or plaques commemorating personages or events and 19 National Historic Parks, 15 major National Historic Sites operated by the Branch and nine major National Historic Sites leased to local bodies to operate.

### 2.—Location, Year Established, Area and Characteristics of National Parks and of National Historic Parks and Sites

Park	Location	Year Established	Area	Characteristics
<b>National Parks</b>				
			sq. miles	
Terra Nova.....	On Bonavista Bay, Newfoundland, 205 miles north of St. John's.	1957	153.0	Rocky headlands, wooded interior areas, off-shore and freshwater fishing. Serviced campground and cabin accommodation.
Prince Edward Island..	North shore of Prince Edward Island.	1937	7.0	Strip 25 miles long on shores of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Fine bathing beaches. Hotel and cabin accommodation. Serviced campgrounds.
Cape Breton Highlands.	Northern part of Cape Breton Island, N.S.	1936	367.0	Rugged Atlantic coastline with mountainous background. Fine seascapes. Hotel and cabin accommodation. Serviced campgrounds.
Fundy.....	On Bay of Fundy between Moncton and Saint John in New Brunswick.	1948	79.5	Interesting rock formations on coast and rolling hills inland. Campground and cabin accommodation. Excellent naturalist service.
Georgian Bay Islands..	In Georgian Bay, 3 miles by water from Honey Harbour, Ont.	1929	5.4	Camping, canoeing, hiking, swimming, fishing and boating opportunities. Unusual geological formations on Flowerpot Island, off Tobermory on Midland Peninsula. Accessible by boat only.
Point Pelee.....	On Lake Erie near Leamington, in southwestern Ontario.	1918	6.0	Most southerly part of Canadian mainland. Fine bathing beaches. Unusual flora. Resting place for migrating birds. Campgrounds.
St. Lawrence Islands...	In St. Lawrence River between Brockville and Kingston, Ont.	1914	260.0 (acres)	Mainland area and 14 islands with docks, campgrounds and picnic areas. Representative selection of the Thousand Islands. Islands accessible by boat only.
Riding Mountain.....	Southwestern Manitoba, west of Lake Winnipeg.	1929	1,148.0	Woodland escarpment with fine lakes. Fishing, swimming, trail-riding, hiking and golfing. Visitor services in Wasagaming townsite. Campgrounds.
Prince Albert.....	Central Saskatchewan, north of Prince Albert.	1927	1,496.0	Forested region dotted with lakes and interlaced with streams. Fishing, swimming, boating and golfing. Marina. Variety of visitor services at Waskeiu townsite.